



James Harold Jengo

June 14, 1928 - September 13, 2013

James H. Jengo (Jim), was born June 14, 1928 in Jersey City, New Jersey to Agnes and John Jengo.

Jim was very musical in grammar school, and was the sole member of the orchestra. He always had a harmonica with him. He played the bugle and the clarinet in the high school band. He played the accordion for the schools graduations and at Christmas events during the Holidays, He would go to each classroom and play Christmas Carols.

Jim was a star Boy Scout, when he was in the Boy Scouts, and He became the head of all the Scout Troops in Hudson County NJ. At age 12 years old, at Boys Scout camp, he took a group on a hike and found his way back to camp by the astrological positioning of the stars. Jim was also in the Sea Scout. Jim later took courses at the NY Planetarium and further developed his skills for navigation by the stars for when he was sailing.

At a very young age James H. Jengo was employed by Progress Photo Engraving in Jersey City, NJ. James H. Jengo was a graduate of Seton Hall University. As a graduate he founded Jengo Etch-N-Grave, and was self-employed as a Metal Engraver in New York.

When Jim was 19 years old, a representative of the Chinese Government,

Lin-Yu Tang, hired Jim to develop the engraving process to engrave the bars of the first Chinese typewriter.

James H. Jengo joined the Navy and served in WWII. As a Seaman, Jim, engraved a plaque for the Lord High Mayor of South End England, which the Skipper of the USS Mindoro presents on occasions, when he visits the port.

Jim was a very innovative, honest, and trusting person. He designed and sold reasonably priced engraving machines, and registered 17 United States patents. Addition, he designed a Japanese printing press to add color, which brought him royalties whenever a Shiki press was sold.

Jim did engravings for many large cosmetic firms, such as Este Lauder, Revlon etc. Jim also did many etchings for a famous French engraver Salvador Dali, and would discuss with the artist the benefits of etching. Dali wanted to know a more profitable way to use his art.

Jim did projects for the U.S. government, and party favors for Rose Kennedy. Jim was asked to go to Washington DC to engrave the plates for the new U.S. currency, but did not want to spend six months in Washington so he refused.

Jengo, James passed peacefully at in on September 13th, 2013. James Jengo will be deeply missed by wife Nora, family and host of friends.

Resting at the Wilcox Family Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held in South Florida VA National Cemetery 6501 South State Road 7 , Date is pending arrangements ,

Friends desiring may contribute in James's memory to contact the funeral home .

For online condolences and Tributes please visit wilcoxffh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Harold Jengo*

January 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ *Jimmy I am missing you. James H. Jengo was named after my father (as I was) almost twenty years before I was born. He was my cousin, friend, surrogate older brother and a kindred spirit. My father was his godfather and his mother (Aunt Aggie) was my godmother. The loving and trust filled relationship that my father had with Aunt Aggie was the model I have tried to follow with my sisters. The love Aunt Aggie always showed my sisters and me is the love I try to give to my nieces and nephews. I adored Aunt Aggie and Jimmy for he emulated and worshiped his mother in so many ways. Jimmy was brilliant in mind, a genius if there ever was one AND a true working, sleeves up man. He was filled with a boundless generosity and compassion for all in his charitable works and his personal life. He sometimes battled physical ailments and internal demons and withdrew but never stopped loving. Jimmy I am missing you.*

Jimmy McEnroe - October 08, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ *I was very saddened when I heard the news of Uncle Jimmy's death. He was a very unique person. I will always have fond memories of him especially his wonderful stories of his adventurous life. My sincere condolences to all his family and friends. He will be missed by all who loved him. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; But the love and memories of the departed leaves a memory no one can steal.*

Melinda Cavalier Prenter - October 01, 2013 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Uncle Jimmy was an exemplary individual in my mind. His accomplishments and stories always fascinated me. He even was kind enough to employ me for a couple of months of accounting work. I was proud to know that my uncle was a successful inventor and had held so many patents. Bye Uncle Jimmy, you have made an impression on my that I will forever keep in my thoughts.*

Michael Cavalier

(also, Paula, Jessica and Michael II. I enjoyed passing your stories to them as well)

Michael Cavalier - September 29, 2013 at 04:44 PM

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“ *My condolences Nora, I'm happy my brother Jimmy had you with him during his last years. I'm sure there were a combination of happy times and difficult times. I know you loved him and took good care of him.*

I hope you find peace in knowing what a extraordinary person he was.

I miss him and think of him often. I am so proud to call him "my brother". I know where he is now and I don't have to search anymore.

Thank you for letting me know of his passing.

*Your sister in law,
Pat*

Pat - September 28, 2013 at 02:06 PM

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“ Jim - a brother who was a special uncle to all of my children. He mentored three of them Larry, Diane and Jim when he gave them the opportunity in their high school years to work with him. They have the greatest memories of his patience, teaching and understanding. Upon his passing my son Larry said "I knew the man when he was at his best". Jim was creative and brilliant.

Brother Jim in cooperation with D. Lin Yu Tang of Columbia University in New York City etched the Chinese characters on the first in the world Chinese typewriter. The historic brass plaques he engraved for my Rutgers College of Nursing are only one example of his talent and generosity. I cherish the marble nameplate he made for my desk.

There are so many great memories. Jim rest in peace. Love, your sister Dorothy/ Dottie

Dorothy Jengo DeMaio - September 26, 2013 at 05:30 PM

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“ There are few that could compare to Uncle Jimmy. He was very special to me, guiding my work ethics in my young adult life and allowing me to understand the importance of 'a job well done'. Condolences to the family.

Diane (niece) - September 26, 2013 at 04:58 PM

RF

“ You will be truly missed Uncle Jim. We've learned so much from you over the years its amazing. We love you forever and no one could ever take the place of Uncle Jim.

*Love,
Natalia, Shaina, Chiqui & Neni. <3*

Rosa & Family - September 19, 2013 at 04:16 PM